

The Acquisition Trail

By: Mona Bauer, Parks Division

2002 has been declared by the State of Wisconsin to be the Year of the Trails and the Parks division has been hard at work purchasing land to connect spaces and places for trails in the county. The aggressive acquisition plan calls for developing the Greenway System which creates a system of linear corridors along the County's major rivers and streams, which will protect the water quality, provide continuous natural habitat, and provide water and land recreation trails for all the residents to enjoy. In addition the Greenway will help guide urban growth, connect major state, county, and local parklands, as well as other community social and cultural amenities to provide recreation and education opportunities for the use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

Some of our most recent acquisitions include Frog Hollow, a 31-acre parcel of the south shoreline of Nagawicka Lake in Delafield. This cooperative buy with the Waukesha Land Conservancy represents an effort by both groups to protect wetlands and the water quality of Nagawicka Lake with the thought of access and enjoyment of the waterways for all.

The county also recently acquired the Bernklau property as an important parcel in the Bark River Greenway Corridor. The property serves to buffer and protect the Bark River as well as preserve wetlands. This property is located in the Town of Lisbon and will protect 18.8 acres at the headwater of the Bark River containing wetland, primary environmental corridor, woodland, and flood plain.

The last acquisition was another cooperative effort with DNR on Moose Lake, which is located off of Highway C in the Town of Merton, north of Nashotah Park. The county was helpful by assisting financially in the acquisition of the property. The property on the south side of Moose Lake has a boat launch and a fishing pier, which the state plans on replacing in the future. ■

From the Desk of Daniel M. Finley...

As we head into the wonderful summer season take some time to enjoy the many pleasures of our Waukesha County Park System. Here are some of the things to check out.

Swimming – Waukesha County offers swimming opportunities all across the County. Locations include Muskego, Naga-Waukee, Menomonee, Minooka, Mukwonago, and Fox Brook Parks

Boat Launches – If you want to swim, fish, or just enjoy one of our beautiful Waukesha County lakes, we offer several options. Boat launches are available on School Section, Ashippun, Nemahbin, Nagawicka, and Pewaukee Lakes.

Biking – Get in some great exercise or take a leisurely ride on one of our Waukesha County bike trails. The Bugline, New Berlin, and Lake Country trails are at your disposal.

Golf – We have three topnotch golf courses in the Waukesha County system. Get out and enjoy a round at Moor Downs, Wanaki, or Naga-Waukee Golf Course.

Also, coming soon is the newest addition to the Waukesha County Park System. The first phase of Fox River Park in the Town of Waukesha will be opening in November of this year. More on this exciting addition in the next newsletter.

I am pleased to offer numerous recreational activities to our citizens throughout the Waukesha County Park System. I look forward to seeing you at our parks this summer!

County Adds Two New Locations to Agricultural and Business Hazardous Waste Program

By: Linda Wainstock, Recycling & Solid Waste

Businesses, farms, greenhouses and nurseries in Waukesha County now have three locations to dispose of pesticides and other hazardous chemicals. The drop off sites are:

- City of Muskego at Jensen Environmental Management
W144 S6347 College Court
Hours: Every Saturday (except holidays) from 8AM ñ Noon
- City of Waukesha Incinerator
900 Sentry Drive
Hours: 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month from 8AM ñ Noon and every 3rd Wednesday, 11AM ñ 7PM May through October (except holidays)
- Special one-day collection in Ottawa ñ Saturday, October 5, 2002
- Ottawa Town Hall/Recycling Center
W360 S3337 Hwy 67
Hours: 8AM ñ Noon

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